



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 103

November 10, 2021

Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism – providing support through online MAP meetings. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and ask if you have information that you would like to share with MAP that you let us know at info@mapbc.org.

MAP's In Focus #4 – December 2nd 2021, 7pm online

Indigenous and asylum seeker experience: See the humans behind the trauma

With speakers Linda Epp (Native Education College) and Malena Mokhovikova (former refugee claimant)

Moderator: Mariana Martinez Vieyra (VAST)

Both indigenous individuals and asylum seekers have experienced severe trauma and displacement in their lives. How has this disrupted their lives, communities and continuity and how have they struggled to overcome these effects of colonialization and violence? And how can they support one another in moving forward stronger? Lastly – what is the role for the rest of society in making this happen?

We will meet via webinar with opportunities to put your questions to our speakers. Watch for registration information [here](#)

- **MAP member question:** does anyone know of English classes for refugee claimants in Richmond? If so, please email MAP member Richard Soo at byzchurch@gmail.com Thank you!

OTHER NEWS

Don't forget to register for CCR's Fall Consultation November 29 – December 3

MAP BC will be well represented with members engaged in organizing or speaking at the workshops.

See the full agenda here: <https://pheedloop.com/ccrfallconsultation2021/site/home/> and registration link inside!

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve

Tomorrow November 11:

Please join us for the 6th annual ***Let Peace be Their Memorial*** ceremony.
Live streamed via Zoom from Vancouver on Nov 11th 2:00 to 3:30 PM (PST);
3pm MST, 4pm CST, 5pm EST, 6pm AST, 6:30pm NST

Go to ucv.im/PeaceMemorialCeremony to register for either in-person attendance, or to request a reminder for on-line live streaming.



LET PEACE BE THEIR MEMORIAL
Join us at 2pm on Thu. Nov 11th for
an Online Afternoon Ceremony
songs, poetry, and wreath laying
for civilian victims of conflict
presented by Vancouver Peace Poppies
and hosted by The Vancouver Unitarians
www.PeacePoppies.ca/wreath-ceremony

AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

(Previously circulated)

Dear Stakeholder,

Please be advised that a Press Release has been posted on regarding a new 2021 Refugee Readiness Fund and an upcoming consultation. You can find the press release [here](#).

Thank you,

Immigrant Integration Unit
Ministry of Municipal Affairs, BC



Refugee Appeal
Division (RAD)

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Next virtual session:
November 18th, 2021 • 11:30AM

A free orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process.

- Do you wonder what will happen if you receive a negative decision at your refugee hearing?
- Have you received a negative decision already?

This session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have your questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register now by emailing Sophia Underhill:
sophia@kinbrace.ca

Upcoming Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session on November 18th at 11:30am.

This is a free online orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process. Whether claimants are still waiting for their hearing date, waiting for the outcome of their hearing, or have received a negative decision, this session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

- Claimants will meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have their questions answered:
- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register or refer now by emailing Sophia Underhill: sophia@kinbrace.ca

Poster also attached

Umbrella Multicultural Health Coop invites your clients to attend a Healthy Nutrition Workshop
Arabic, Spanish, Farsi & Tigray sessions available

(Posters attached)

ورشة عمل عيادة امبريلا الشاملة للصحة

انه مجاني!
انضموا لنا على زووم!

1: الاكل الصحي

يا لها من ورشة عمل للجميع!
دعونا نجتمع معا من أجل:
تعرف على وجبات صحية وإعداد واحدة
ممارسة اللغة الإنجليزية
قابل أناس جدد
استمتع واسترخ!



الزمان الاربعاء 17 نوفمبر من الساعة 05:30 مساء إلى الساعة 07:30

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Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938

Passcode: 612872

سيتم الترجمة للغة العربية
إذا كانت لديك أسئلة ، يرجى الاتصال بـ هنا 778 788 7340 (عربي)



Talleres de Salud Umbrella 1. Comer de forma saludable

Es gratuito!
Ven y Únete a
nosotros!

¿Qué? ¡Un taller para todos !

Vamos a reunirnos para:

- Aprender acerca de comida saludable y preparar una
- Practicar inglés
- Conocer nuevas personas
- Nos relajaremos y divertiremos!

¿Cuándo? Sábado Nov 27 10:30 am a 12:30 pm

¿Dónde? En Zoom por favor presione en este link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

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No necesita registrarse. Si tiene preguntas por favor comunicarse con Angélica 604-404-2105
Evento en español



رایگان برای همه!!!

کارگاه های آمبريلا برای سلامتی صحت



۱- خوردن غذا های صحتی

چی است: یک کارگاه برای همه

بباید و با هم:

۱- طرز تهیه غذا های صحتی را بیاموزیم

۲- زبان انگلیسی خود را با دیگران تمرین کنیم

۳- با مردم جدید آشنا شویم

۴- و از برنامه بیاموزیم و لذت ببریم



• زمان: روز شنبه ۲۰ ماه نوامبر سال ۲۰۲۱ از ساعت ۱۰:۳۰ الی ۱۲:۳۰

• مکان: از طریق زوم <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanixSytWZz09>

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نیاز به رجیستر یا ثبت نام نیست برای همه رایگان است: در صورت که سوال داشتین لطفاً به شماره های ذیل تماس بگیرید فارسی/ دری : با فلوئانس به تماس شوید به شماره ۶۰۴-۴۹۹-۹۹۷۶ *** تمام مطالب به زبان فارسی می شود.



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Poster attached also

Settlement & Integration Program

Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations

Job Search Strategies Workshop

November 23, 2021
10:00am-12:30pm

Find about ways to have a productive job search:

- Reflect on strengths, needs, and goals
- Explore different job boards to aid your search
- Develop networking skills
- Reframe attitudes around the job search

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about available resources in the community and get one-on-one support.

For more information or register, please email duyt@burnabynh.ca or call at 604-431-0400
(Childminding and transportation support will be provided with registration)

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (səlilwətaŋ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəčəm), Squamish (Skwəwəʔmesh ɫxwmxw) and Musqueam (xʷmətkʷəjəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



Dear Community Workers,

Legal Aid BC wants to improve and revamp the [Community Workers section](#) on the Legal Aid BC website. Please take [our short survey](#) so we can hear from you about what content and features you would want to see in this section. It should take less than 10 minutes and results will be kept confidential. You'll also get a chance to win a \$15 Tim Horton's gift card!

Please take a few moments and let us know what you think by **Friday, November 19**. Feel free to pass this survey onto other community workers.

[Take the survey](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions about the survey please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Lim at publications@legalaid.bc.ca.

Patricia Lim (she/her)

Publications Development Coordinator | Community & Publishing Services

p. 604-601-6054

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“Less than human”: Examining the Representation of Refugees through the Lens of Decoloniality

DR. ROGER BROMLEY
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

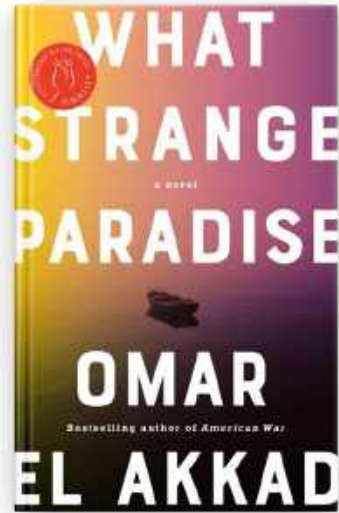


AN ONLINE EVENT
VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

RSVP ONLINE
[MIGRATION.UBC.CA/EVENTS](https://migration.ubc.ca/events)

UBC Centre for Migration
RSVP online at migration.ubc.ca/events



Congratulations to Omar El Akkad, winner of the Giller Prize!

Each year, the Giller Prize honours an outstanding work of Canadian fiction. *What Strange Paradise* was singled out this year.

From the widely acclaimed, best-selling author of *American War*, a new novel—beautifully written, unrelentingly dramatic, and profoundly moving—that looks at the global refugee crisis through the eyes of a child.

“It is one thing to put a human face on a migrant crisis and another to do so in so compelling a way that a reader simply cannot put your book down.” —Gish Jen, author of *The Resisters*

Read more about the book at <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/617062/what-strange-paradise-by-omar-el-akkad/>

*See call attached from the Ottawa Refugee Hub for online art exhibit.
Please direct questions to Eliza Bateman (contact details below).*

Dear friends and colleagues,

I'm excited to share with you a **Call for Contributions** for an online art exhibit we will be launching in connection with the Capstone Symposium of our Research Colloquium on Refugee Sponsorship, which will be held in early 2022.

As you will see in the Call (attached), we are inviting artistic and 'artefact' contributions from people who have lived experience with refugee sponsorship: either as someone welcomed through sponsorship, someone who has been a sponsor, and of course, people who have experienced both sides of the sponsorship relationship. As such, we would really appreciate you sharing this Call widely with groups or individuals in your network who might be interested in making a submission. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions about the Call, or about the Colloquium in general, please do not hesitate to reach out, I would be happy to assist.

Eliza Bateman (PhD) *(she, her)*

Senior Research Analyst | Analyste principale de recherche

The Refugee Hub | Le Carrefour des réfugiés

University of Ottawa | l'Université d'Ottawa

Phone: 1-613-800-0220 ext 6 **Email:** eliza.bateman@refugeehub.ca



The Call is attached in PDF

REPEATS

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is hosting the following sessions with focus on Afghan refugees:



November 12: Info session on Canadian response to the Afghan refugee crises

For more details and registration, please contact Arman Zamani, BNH Settlement Case Manager at: ArmanZ@burnabynh.ca

Poster also attached

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AN INFORMATION SESSION ON CANADA'S RESPONSE TO AFGHAN REFUGEE CRISIS
جلسه اطلاع رسانی در مورد واکنش کانادا به بحران پناهندهان افغان

DATE: 12 NOVEMBER 2021
TIME: 3PM-5PM ONLINE, ZOOM
تاریخ: ۱۲ نوامبر ۲۰۲۱
زمان: ۳ تا ۵ بعد از ظهر به صورت آنلاین، از راه دور

This virtual session will be in Persian and is intended for the Afghan community. It will focus on:

- Update on the current Canadian response to Afghan refugees from abroad
- Inland refugee claimants
- Available settlement support
- Introduction to BCAAfghans volunteer initiative

تمرکز و اطلاع رسانی این جلسه برای مردم افغانستان به زبان فارسی است و برآنچه در زمینه: - برنامه دولت کانادا برای پذیرش پناهندهان افغان - افرادی که در کانادا درخواست پناهندهگی دارند - چه خدماتی دفتر BNH میتواند انجام دهد - معرفی برنامه و برنامههای BCAAfghans

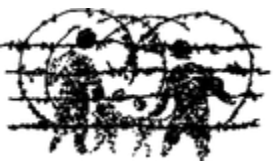
جلسه اطلاع رسانی از طریق وب آنلاین می شود. برای شرکت در جلسه تماس با ما را بگیرید

To Register:
جهت ثبت نام با شماره و یا ایمیل زیر تماس بگیرید
ArmanZ@BURNABYNH.CA
PHONE: (604) 657-2163

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community-driven and community-led service organization and a proud member of the "Our World, Our Rules" initiative. Our main office is located at 4550 Burnaby Street, Burnaby, BC V5A 4B6. Our main phone number is (604) 657-2163. Our website is www.burnabynh.ca. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Partners: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



Canadian Council for Refugees
Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés



We are really pleased to announce that **registration for CCR's Fall Virtual Consultation is open!**

Registration tips and tricks

Below are a few indications that will help make your registration process as smooth as possible:

- If you are registering several people at once, please note that **you will need each person's email address to fill in the tickets.**
- **Someone can register people even if they are not attending the Consultation.** They will need to fill in their own details during registration for payment references.
- **We strongly encourage members to buy "Full Consultation" tickets to attend 2 or more sessions** as it will allow you to participate in all the workshops/caucuses and Working Group meetings. That said, a person may purchase a maximum of one (1) single ticket should they wish to attend one session only.

If you have any trouble or questions, please email consultation@ccrweb.ca.

Click on the registration button to access the registration form



Participate in the event

Once payment has been received, each participant will receive a detailed email on how to participate in the event (when to log in and how to access the event portal, where one can find the sessions links...).

Hello Team!

I am delighted to inform you of an Online SOS Housing Orientation on November 25, 2021, 5:30 pm.

The theme is: **"An Overview of Housing Challenges & Emergency Support Programs within the City of Vancouver."**

This is a unique occasion to join us for this information session hosted by the City of Vancouver, as SOS always provides a wide range of services, such as informing newcomers and the local community on the Greater Vancouver rental market.

Please invite your clients to attend also:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88375375422?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 883 7537 5422

Passcode: 423006

Thanks for your support.

Questions or Comments? Contact:

Kizito Gaston Ntabaza | Refugee Claimant Housing Search Worker - Settlement Orientation Services
D: 604-351-0642 | kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org



Poster attached also

The poster for the SOS Housing Orientation event. It features a red header with the ISSofBC logo and the title 'SOS Housing Orientation: An Overview of Housing Challenges & Emergency Support Programs within the City of Vancouver'. Below the header is a photograph of four stacks of coins of increasing height, each topped with a small white house icon with a red roof. To the right of the photo, the event details are listed: 'When: Thur.- Nov. 25, 2021, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm' and 'Where: Online through Zoom, Registration Mandatory by 24 Nov. 2021'. A list of topics to be covered is provided, including an overview of housing availability and cost, general information about rental housing, and available emergency programs. Guest speakers from the City of Vancouver are listed: Allison Lasocha, Jennifer Hales, and Andrea Jung. Registration contact information is provided: Gaston@604351-0642, E-mail: kizito.ntabaza@issbc.org. The footer includes the ISSofBC website, social media icons, and the WelcomeBC logo with the tagline 'Helping immigrants build a future in Canada'.



Poster attached also

SVNH Online Programs



Please join the following group programs on Zoom by clicking the link below.

- ESL Conversation Group at 1-3pm on Wednesday
- Multicultural Women Peer Mentoring Group at 1-3pm on Friday
- Basic Computer Class in partnership with YMCA on Wed and Fri @10-12

How to join a meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/3955979455>
(Password to the meeting room provided upon initial registration)

For further details or registration, pls. contact **Kwangyoung**
(604)324-6212(Ext. 117) / kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org



Traditional, Ancestral & Unceded Land Acknowledgement Conversation.



Hello All:

We are having a very interesting conversation around Territorial Acknowledgements. November 17, 2021 9:30 – 11:00 am. The webinar is titled "Traditional, Ancestral & Unceded: A Conversation on Territorial Acknowledgements" and is presented by Fancy Poitras, Indigenous Relations Manager for the City of Burnaby and Rebekah Mahaffey, Social Planner for the City of Burnaby.

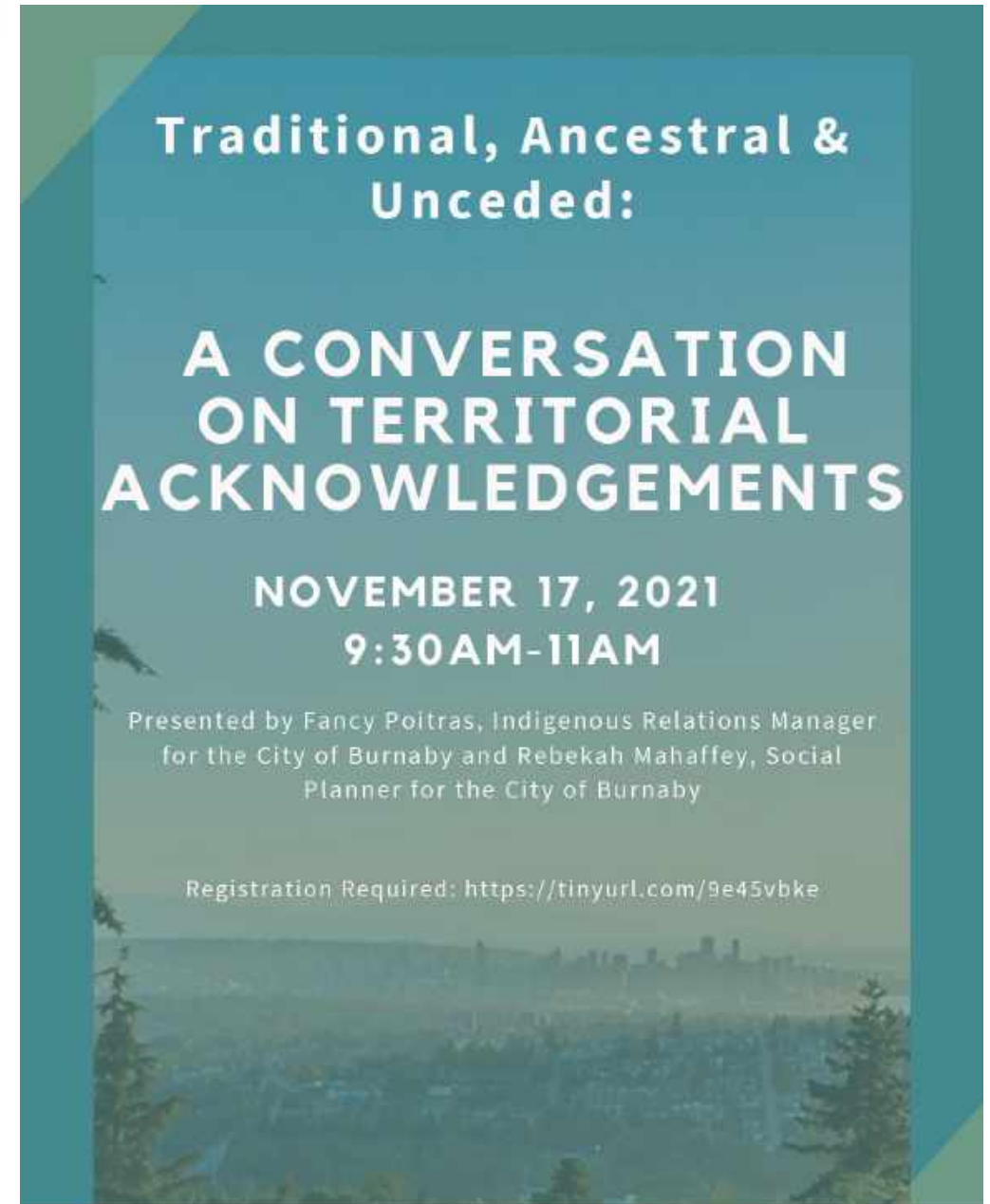
Learn more about the meaning of the land acknowledgements.

Registration is required please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/9e45vbke>

Thanks

Ana Maria Bustamante
BIPT/ Burnaby LIP Coordinator
Burnaby Together – Coalition Against Racism & Hate Coordinator

Poster attached also



I just wanted to reach out and update you on our upcoming “In-Person English Conversation Circle” at MOSAIC.

We wanted to inform everyone that our first session will be postponed to December 6th, therefore the registration will remain open until mid of November.

This year, we are delivering the classes to the wider community, any immigration status within our serving portfolio are welcomed!

For more information on this event, see **attached poster**.

Please feel free to pass on this information to anyone in your network who may be interested in this opportunity.

As always, thank-you for your continued interest in MOSAIC!

Mia Yu Christiaanse,
Program Assistant,
Refugee Settlement & Integration | Legal Advocacy Program | **Family & Settlement Services**

5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver V5R 2P9

T: 604 254 9626 ext.1101

E: myu@mosaicbc.org



In-Person English Conversation Circle (Beginners & Intermediate)

Join us every Tuesday & Thursday starting December 6th to:

- Practice your English
- Meet and talk to new people
- Learn more about life in Canada

Beginners Level from 4:30 PM—6:00 PM

Intermediate Level from 6:10 PM—7:40PM

Registration is open until mid of November. To register email

myu@mosaicbc.org



WelcomeBC



MOSAIC



JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Poster Attached also



Newcomer Women Job Connection program

For immigrant women

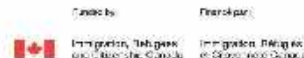
The Newcomer Women Job Connection program is designed to assist immigrant women in finding employment in childcare service settings. The following activities are included.

- A series of paid training component (Foodsafe, Emergency Childcare First Aid & CPR/AED, and Responsible Adult in Childcare Settings)
- Completion of 20 hours volunteer/mentorship placement
- English language and computer skills development programs
- Customized job search skills services
- Settlement and family support services during program participation
- Childminding services and bus tickets

Program eligibilities:

- Permanent residents and protected persons (IRCC eligible clients)
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Not registered in full-time training/education
- Having multiple or complex barriers to employment
- Ready to work upon completion of the program
- Equivalent to LINK 5 or Grade 8 English skills

for further inquires and registration, please contact Kwangyoung
at 604-324-6212 ext 117 or kwangyoung.conn@southvan.org





Hello CMS Community Partners,

I am delighted to share that the job posting is now up for the position of [Engagement Strategist](#) for the UBC Centre for Migration Studies.

The Engagement Strategist is responsible for enhancing and expanding reciprocal and equitable relationships for collaboration with community partners focused on research, advocacy, and capacity building.

The role will provide advising and consultation around the development of collaborative, co-developed research with underserved communities and organizations, provide guidance for knowledge exchange, settlement sector staff training, and advocacy for newcomer youth in accessing post-secondary education.

Please take a moment to share this opportunity with anyone you think may be well suited to this dynamic part-time, two-year appointment position.

Web Link: https://ubc.wd10.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ubcstaffjobs/job/UBC-Vancouver-Campus/Engagement-Strategist_JR4917

With many thanks,

Sandra Schinnerl

Manager, Programs and Initiatives (Acting)

Centre for Migration Studies | Faculty of Arts

The University of British Columbia | Vancouver | Musqueam Traditional Territory

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